



**Date:** May 15, 2003  
**To:** Members of the Marine Advisory Commission  
**From:** Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches  
**Subject:** MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2003  
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

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Commissioners Present

Richard L. Miller, Vice Chair  
Mike Malbon  
Holly Carpenter  
Mike Reed  
Bradley Whyte  
Harry Hutton  
Robert Weeks  
Mike Vescovi

Marine Bureau Personnel

Mark Sandoval, Manager, Marine Bureau  
Doug Parsons, Superintendent, Marine Bureau  
Vivian Crook, Secretary, Marine Bureau

City Staff

Ramon Arevalo, Supt., Marine Maint.  
Mark Boone, Chief, Lifeguards, LBFD  
David Ashman, Manager, Special Events  
Dennis Eschen, Manager, Plan.& Devel.  
Sue Prell, Sgt., Marine Patrol  
Chris Sanburg, Supt., Marine Maint.  
Avonne Gravel, City Council, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist.  
Robert Lafoon-Villegas, City Council, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist.

Commissioners Absent

Michelle Spence, Chairwoman

Guests

Amy Bentley-Smith, Grunion Gazette  
Martin Arroyo, Marine Patrol Officers Asso.

Vice Chairman Miller convened the meeting at 2:30 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

**ROLL CALL**

Mark Sandoval called the roll of commissioners and introduced Marine Bureau personnel, City staff and guests.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- The minutes of the April 17, 2003, MAC meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

## **BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT**

### Marina Operations Report

Doug Parsons gave the Marine Bureau Major Accomplishments, the Activity Report for ABM/LBSM, and the Total Vessels In and Out by Marina for the month of April.

- Mark Sandoval distributed a draft of the MAC Annual Report for the MAC's review. It was agreed to send proposed changes to Chairwoman Spence, who would ensure changes were made to finalize.

### Maintenance Operations Report

Ramon Arevalo gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of April.

- The underwater clean-up event went well.
- ABM landscaping is almost complete.
- Basin 6 is landscaped and looks very nice.
- Finalization on the Dog Beach is awaiting Coastal Commission approval of the permit.

### Marine Safety Report

Lifeguard Chief Mark Boone gave the Marine Safety status report for the month of April.

- Marine Safety has received 10 vehicles from Chevrolet. They will be in service next month.
- Lifeguard training for recurrent Lifeguards starts this weekend.
- Marine Safety has received the DBAW application for a grant for three boat engines. The application should be finalized by the end of this year.

### Marine Patrol Report

Sergeant Sue Prell reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of April.

- LBPD Sergeant Kevin King has been promoted to Lieutenant and transferred to West Division. His replacement is being evaluated by the Police Department.

### OLD BUSINESS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

- David Ashman, Manager of Special Events and Filming, gave a presentation on the upcoming ShoreFest Event to be held October 3-5, 2003. He explained that there will be an AirFest (off-shore air show, military equipment displayed at the airport, and a concert will be held at the airport); a HarborFest on Shoreline Drive (vessels and equipment will be displayed); a KidsFest (in conjunction with the other festivals); a WaterFest (numerous water-related events and displays); a TasteFest; and, a MusicFest. All events except one will be free to the public.

Half a million people are expected to attend the festivals over the three-day event. He said that all concerns are being looked at, i.e., parking, shuttles, litter, ADA access, etc.

**It was moved by Commissioner Vescovi and seconded by Commissioner Hutton that the MAC support in concept the ShoreFest events. The motion passed unanimously.**

- Dennis Eschen, Manager of Planning and Development, gave a presentation on the Development Plans for the Bluff Adjoining Bixby Park. He explained that the Department had received funds from the Port to improve the erosion problem on the bluff. Improvements will include: an amphitheatre along the bluff with three tier concrete seating, ADA access, children's play area, lawn area, trees, rest areas along the bike path, and a skate plaza with rails.

Dennis explained that this item has already been before the Parks and Recreation Commission, and has been approved.

**It was moved by Commissioner Reed and seconded by Commissioner Malbon that the MAC approve the plans for the Bluff project as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

### Executive MAC

Vice Chairman Miller stated that all items discussed at this meeting had been reviewed at EX MAC.

### Operations Committee

Vice Chairman Miller gave a report of the meeting:

- Dennis Eschen gave a presentation of the upcoming ShoreFest event at the committee meeting.
- Vice Chairman Miller said that the status of the Marine Patrol Division had been discussed.

### Facilities Committee

Commissioner Reed gave a review of projects in progress:

- Three more sections of pavers have been completed in the LBSM.
- DBAW inspected Phase 2 of the Davis Launch Ramp this morning. The project will go ahead.
- The opening of Jack Dunster Reserve is waiting for completion of the portion of the Rowing Center that is blocking access to the reserve.
- Belmont Pier Phase 1B will be completed in August.
- Bike Path plans are 91% complete.

### Finance and Information Committee

Mark Sandoval reviewed the Finance Report for the last quarter.

- Next meeting – September 11, 2003, at 2p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club

### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- Vice Chairman Miller remarked that the MAC had not taken action with regard to the status of officers in the Marine Patrol Division. He said that at the time, the MAC felt that not enough information had been made available to them in order for them to form an opinion. He said that the MAC's main concern is customer service, and that this is the issue that should be discussed.

Commissioner Whyte stated that the MAC should encourage the City Council to watch the budget, however not go backwards in service to marinas.

Commissioner Hutton felt that the reduction in Marine Patrol powers equates to less service.

Commissioner Malbon stated that the MAC should emphasize to the City Council and other departments that the MAC is concerned about how their decisions impact the marinas and boaters.

Mark Sandoval remarked that the MAC could write a letter to the City Council stating that they are not privy to all facts about this debate, but that they are concerned about the outcome of decisions made.

Martin Arroyo, Marine Patrol Officers Association, stated that the Marine Patrol is seeking the restoration of booking and transport duties, and also want a reasonable cause contract.

**It was moved by Commissioner Hutton and seconded by Commissioner Vescovi, that the MAC write a letter of support for Marine Patrol, as their duties refer to service to the customers, to the City Council. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:10p.m. The next meeting is set for June 12, 2003, at 2:30 p.m.

cc: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine  
City Clerk